



# City of Longview

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## Minutes

### City Council

*Mayor Erik Halvorson  
Mayor Pro Tem Keith Young  
Council Member Chris Bryant  
Council Member Mike Claxton  
Council Member Ruth Kendall  
Council Member Kalei LaFave  
Council Member Wayne Nichols*

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Thursday, January 15,  
2026

6:00 PM

2nd Floor, City Hall

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, in accordance with RCW Chapter 42.30, that the City Council of the City of Longview, Washington, will conduct a special meeting in the Longview City Hall Training Room, 1525 Broadway, Longview, on Thursday, January 15, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. The topics of discussion follow. Final disposition shall be taken on no other matter.

The City Hall is accessible for persons with disabilities. Special equipment to assist the hearing impaired is also available. Please contact the City Executive Office at 360.442.5004 at least 48 hours in advance if you require special accommodations to attend the meeting.

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1-253-215-8782 or 1-346-248-7799 or 1-408-638-0968 or 1-669-900-6833

**Webinar ID: 823 9413 2374**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

*Mayor Halvorson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.*

2. **FLAG SALUTE**

*The flag salute was recited.*

3. **ROLL CALL**

*Present: Mayor Halvorson, Mayor Pro Tem Young, Councilmember Bryant, Councilmember Claxton (online), Councilmember Halvorson, Councilmember Kendall, Councilmember Nichols*

**Staff Present:** City Manager Jennifer Wills, Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Chris Collins, Community & Economic Development Director Nick Little, Police Chief Robert Huhta, Human Resources Director Sabrina Fraidenburg, Fire Chief Brad Hannig, Public Information Officer Angela Abel, Information Technology Director Mike Sullivan, City Clerk Tiffany Ostreim

#### 4. WORKSHOP

##### 26-001 WATER AND SEWER UTILITY RATES (APPROXIMATELY 45 MINUTES)

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF TO DEVELOP AND RETURN TO COUNCIL WITH A PROPOSED RATE RESOLUTION FOR BOTH WATER AND SEWER UTILITIES THAT REFLECTS THE INFORMATION AND POLICY DIRECTION DISCUSSED DURING THE WORKSHOP**

*Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Chris Collins presented information on proposed 2026 utility rates.*

*Council discussed the presentation and provided direction to staff to return with proposed rate resolutions reflecting a 4% increase for water and both a 4% and a 5% increase for sewer.*

##### 26-002 STRATEGIC PLANNING (APPROXIMATELY 90 MINUTES)

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF TO UPDATE AND RETURN TO COUNCIL WITH A RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION THAT INCLUDES COUNCIL INPUT FROM THE WORKSHOP.**

*City Manager Jennifer Wills presented.*

*Council discussed the presentation and gave direction to staff to refine the plan and return to council at their summit in March.*

#### 5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

##### 26-0021 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING PER RCW 42.30.140(4)(a) (APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES)

*The City Council (Councilmember Nichols recused himself on the appearance of fairness), City Manager Jennifer Wills, Human Resources Director Sabrina Fraidenburg entered Executive/Closed Session at 8:00 p.m. pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(a) Collective Bargaining for a period of 30 minutes, until 8:30 p.m. At 8:30 p.m. Executive Session was continued for 20 minutes, until 8:50 p.m. At 8:50 p.m. Executive Session was continued for 15 minutes, until 9:05 p.m. At 9:14 p.m. all parties came out of Executive Session. No action was taken.*

#### 6. ADJOURNMENT

*The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.*

*Tiffany Ostreim  
City Clerk*

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

**NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS:**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.